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REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC Military Information from Kuestrin

25X1 EVALUATION [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

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REFERENCES [REDACTED]

PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) [REDACTED]

REMARKS [REDACTED]

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1. On 28 January 1954, a radar set with parabolic mirror and antenna array, truck [REDACTED] occupied by 15 soldiers and carrying equipment were loaded at Kuestrin-Kietz railroad station for shipment toward Kroepelin. (B-2) On 10 February, 12 x 85-mm AA guns with 3 Puaso 3s, about 40 trucks occupied by about 400 soldiers and carrying equipment were loaded at the Kuestrin-Kietz railroad station, for shipment toward Werbig, presumably to Kroepelin railroad station.

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2. On 22 January, the Artillerie Kaserne (4601) in Kuestrin quartered about 1,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets most of whom with artillery insignia and, some, with motor transport insignia. Between 13 and 22 January, troops daily drilled with 6 x 37-mm AA guns in the western training area. Other soldiers engaged in close border drill on the former Detlevsen Strasse. At about 10 p.m. on 13 January, [REDACTED] a column of 6 trucks, each towing a 37-mm AA gun and carrying 6 to 8 soldiers, and a truck with field kitchen move out of the installation toward Manschnow. The column returned at about 10 a.m. on 14 January. At about 7 a.m. on 14 January, a column of 4 trucks, each towing a 37-mm AA gun and carrying 6 to 8 soldiers, 2 trucks carrying 8 to 10 soldiers and a truck with field kitchen left the installation toward Manschnow. The column returned at about 9 p.m. Between 13 and 22 January, soldiers daily practiced with 85-mm AA guns in the southeastern training area. On 16 January, 16 x 85-mm AA guns, 4 Puaso-3 ballistic directors and a radar set with parabolic mirror were seen in this area. On 22 January, 4 trucks, each towing a 85-mm AA gun, 1 truck with a Puaso-3 ballistic director and carrying 8 to 10 soldiers were moving out of the installation toward Manschnow. Between 14 and 20 January, soldiers practiced with 6 machine guns on the meadows south of the billeting area. On 15, 16 and 22 January, carbine and machine gun fire was heard from the target range. Between 13 and 22 January, soldiers daily practiced truck driving in the area of the Vorflutinsel.

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3. Between 12 and 22 January, the Vorwerk of Kuestrin Fortress was occupied by Soviet troops. No details could be learned.

4. [REDACTED] more Soviet families from the USSR would arrive in Kuestrin.

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[redacted] Comment. An advance party of the 32d AAA Div (US) equipped with a Whiff
type AAA firing device is believed to have been loaded on 28 January. [redacted]

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[redacted] the shipment went to Wustrow [redacted]
[redacted] Medium AAA units of the division have probably been loaded for shipment
to the same destination on 10 February. The occupation of the Artillerie Kaser-
ne remained unchanged during the period of observation.

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